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20 December 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT : Titling of Tracker

1. On the occasion of transmittal of tracker film on penetration missions [] HTAUTOMAT has run upon the fact that certain tracker has not been titled though it has been numbered.

2. I note here the explanation received by phone from [] that originally it had been planned only to title at the head and tail of tracker with consecutive numbering of frames in-between. It was stated further that some eight months after our experience began Messrs. [] proposed that all back tracker be titled and future tracker be titled. In view of the then existing work load at Eastman, [] felt that this could be accommodated and acceded to their request. In the press of business, this procedure fell by the wayside.

3. The question now before us is whether to go back and title all untitled tracker or live with head and tail titling that exists as well as the question of what should be the policy on future titling of tracker.

4. In view of the fact that tracker is for the most part used in roll except where individual prints are made (and this is very little as compared to prints made by nontracker), it would seem the most practicable solution would be to require neither titling of past film nor to require titling (except for head and tail) in the future.

5. However, in order to provide adequate security protection, in pursuance of this memorandum HTAUTOMAT is requested to initiate procedures within its own establishment to insure that any prints made from tracker will be properly titled. HTAUTOMAT is also hereby requested to prepare a form memorandum to be transmitted with each copy of the tracker which it releases to other agencies []

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calling attention to the titling procedure used, namely, head and tail only, and to specify the injunction that any printing made from the tracker must be properly titled TOP SECRET, code word, mission number, and handled via the TALENT system.

6. Recommendation. It is recommended that you approve the procedure set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, this procedure having been concurred in by [] for Operations and disagreed with by the TALENT Security Officer. [] dissent is set forth in the attachment.)

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JAMES Q. REBER
CIA TALENT Control Officer

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Recommendation in paragraph 6 is
APPROVED:

*1- with amendment.
discussed orally*
Richard M. Bissell, Jr.
Project Director

Attachment

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- 1-Forward w/att cy 1
- 2-Project Director w/att cy 2
- 3-Director of Operations--
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- 4-Chief/HTAUTOMAT w/o att
- 5-TALENT Security Officer w/o att
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AMENDMENT TO

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26 December 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR: TALENT Security Officer

SUBJECT : Titling of Tracker

1. As you will note from the attached papers [redacted] I forwarded your views along with mine to Mr. Bissell on the subject of tracker titling. You will note that he has signed this paper approving my recommendation with a note to the effect that our procedures are to be amended in consonance with his views discussed with me orally.

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2. Mr. Bissell had in mind that insofar as the points are now not covered by existing TALENT regulations they should be amended to make clear that special care is to be taken by all users to insure that any reproduction from 9 x 18 film which does not include the automatic reproduction of the titling must also be titled, at least by TOP SECRET CHESS (the mission and frame number being optional matters depending upon utility to the user). He also considers that for our purposes tracker should be treated as a piece and in the same fashion as enlargements from 9 x 18. Whenever tracker reproduction is made of any sort, the previously stated injunction must apply. In addition, it must be understood that if, as, and when any tracker is cut there must be restored, at head and tail arising from such excision, proper classification as necessary for the benefit of the users, mission and frame number.

3. Furthermore, Mr. Bissell felt that it would be desirable if as a routine matter in transmitting tracker to the consumers it were to include a memorandum such as is pointed out in paragraph 5 of my memorandum [redacted]

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4. Would you be good enough to think through what amendments to the Manual are required. By copy of this memorandum, I am asking [redacted] to prepare for our joint consideration a routine memorandum to cover transmittals of tracker. I suggest that you, [redacted] and I, along with perhaps [redacted] then meet together to discuss these matters shortly after [redacted] has returned from leave.

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